IV. Views of the Standing Committee on the Report of the Committee on Record Management

In the general discussion that took place on the Report the Members agreed with most of the recommendations made by the Committee but they were not in favour of changing the basic structure of the Commission. Moreover, they felt that most of the functions proposed to be assigned to the National Archival Council could very well be performed by the Standing Committee. They, however, recommended that the Report may be discussed at the next Session of the Commission before any final decision is taken on various recommendations made by the Committee.

V. RESOLUTIONS BY THE MEMBERS

A. Acquisition of papers relating to freedom movements in Saurashtra

(1) Resolution by Professor B.K.Dharaiya

"It is resolved that political leaders, ex-Diwan and retired officers of Saurashtra, be approached and requested to give the copies of documents with them with regards to freedom movements in Saurashtra to the Indian Historical Records Commission. They may also be requested to furnish the information about the location of such other documents. It is further resolved that some Agency or Committee may be set up by the Commission to request the persons concerned to give these documents or their copies to the Commission."

Explanatory Notes:

While doing research on Freedom Movements in Saurashtra (1920-1948) I had an opportunity to meet some political leaders, ex-Diwans and retired officers of the States in Saurashtra. They have some valuable manuscripts and documents with them in connection with the political activities and freedom movements in Saurashtra. Most of them are still unpublished. They can also furnish the details of whereabouts of such other documents.

If these documents are procured by the Commission, very valuable historical information about the political activities and freedom movements in Saurashtra may be available. These documents will also throw new light on the relations of the Kings with the British Government on one hand and their relations with their people on the other hand.

Standing Committee's views:

The Indian Historical Records Commission is not a repository of records. So the question of depositing the records with the Commission does not arise. A similar resolution was moved at the 44th Session of the Commission. The Commission was of the opinion that in the absence of appropriate legislation pursuation was the only available method and merely passing a resolution would not be of much help. So the resolution was dropped.

The State Archives concerned should, therefore, make an earnest effort to locate and to acquire such records through its Regional Records Survey Committee, as is being done by the other State Archives.

The Committee suggested that the following sentence might be added at the end of the resolution forwarded by Prof. R.K. Dharaiya:

> "Government of India is seized of this problem and a comprehensive action is being planned."

E. Introduction of correspondence course of training in Archives Administration.

(2) Resolution by Government of Andhra Pradesh

> "Resolved to start correspondence course of Diploma in Archives-Keeping."